Central Road Fund for Orissa

1791. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry had informed the Government of Orissa on 3rd January, 1989 about accrue amount of Rs. 5.18 crores in relation to Central Road Fund payable to State for the year 1989-90;

(b) if so, whether the said amount has been released to State Government for the referred year and the subsequent year; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. As the actual augmentation of the Central Road Fund against which the proposals were invited, has not yet taken place, further processing has not been done.

Private parties to operate Steamer service between Bombay and Goa

1792. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDAS: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of two private parties which have valid NOC to obtain two Catamaran vessels and also the names of other two parties whose licences have expired; and

(b) what is the source from where the above parties will acquire these Catamaran vessels and if these are to be imported, the terms of conditions for their operations between Goa and Bombay?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) M/s. Satya Giri Shipping Company Limited, Bombay and M/s. Link On Sea Link, Bombay have government permission to acquire High Speed Boats/Catamaran till 5.9.1990 and 26.12.1990, respectively. Acquisition permission given to M/s. Binkam Shipping Pvt. Limited expired on 28th February, 1990. M/s. Great Eastern Shipping Company Limited, who were given permission to acquire two Hovercrafts, have withdrawn from the project.

(b) M/s. Satya Giri Shipping Company Limited propose to acquire High Speed Passenger Boats from Australia. M/s. Link On Sea Link Pvt. Limited have indicated in their application acquisition of Catamaran from Norway. The main terms and conditions, among others, for their operations between Goa and Bombay are:—

(i) The company should provide basic passenger amenities like lounge, ticket office, Restaurant facilities etc.

(ii) The company should ensure the necessary facilities at both ends for the convenience of the passengers.

(iii) The company should ensure facilities for repair/maintenance of the Catamaran/High Speed Boats.

(iv) The company should obtain the required clearance/approval from the concerned State Governments or other agencies as may be required for operating the passenger service.

(v) The fare structure and the terms and conditions for carriage of passengers would be subject to the approval of the Government of India/Director General of Shipping.

(vi) The company should satisfy Director General of Shipping specifically about the adequacy of the embarkation/disembarkation facilities arranged by them for operating this service.